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Clark Days at Pompeys Pillar July 23-24

BILLINGS –The annual Clark Days celebration at Pompeys Pillar National Monument will take place July 23-24.

Activities begin Saturday morning at 8 a.m. and include interpretive programs, demonstrations, tipi raising, and a nature walk. The main presentation is scheduled from 2:15-3:30 p.m. and will feature Hasan Davis as York, a member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Saturday is the only day of the year when overnight camping is allowed at the Pillar. The Bureau of Land Management will have park rangers on duty at the visitor center all night Saturday to assist campers.

On Sunday, a 6 a.m. bird walk along the Yellowstone will be followed by a pancake breakfast at 7. Then visitors can take in a number of demonstrations and programs on topics such as firearms of the Lewis and Clark era, Native American beadwork, food and cooking of the Lewis and Clark era, Mesolithic technology, and how dugout canoes were made.

A buffalo burger lunch will be available from 11 to 2 p.m. A canoe flotilla will arrive at the Pillar at 1 p.m., and Crow Indian dancers will perform from 3 to 4 p.m.

The day's main presentation is scheduled for 1:45-2:45 p.m. Hasan Davis and Hal Stearns will portray York and William Clark. Presentations are sponsored by a grant from the Montana Committee for the Humanities.

Admission fees are waived for the commemoration that is sponsored jointly by the Bureau of Land Management and the Pompeys Pillar Historical Association. Nominal charges are made for food and refreshments.

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The Clark Days celebration is in addition to the regular Friday night programs held at the Pillar during the summer. The updated schedule for the rest of the season includes *Family Night at the Pillar – Wildflowers and Prickly Pear*, presented by Vicki Thomas and Suzy Havener on August 5; *If Names Could Talk...Let's Take a Walk around the Rock*, presented by Suzy Havener on August 12; *Sergeant Pryor, Bull Boats and Lost Horses*, presented by Don Woerner on August 19; and *The Pre-History of Pompeys Pillar*, presented by Glade Hadden on August 26. All programs are about 30 minutes long.

Pompeys Pillar is 30 miles east of Billings off Interstate 94 at Exit 23. For more information, call Pompeys Pillar Visitor Center at 406-875-2233, or visit www.pompeyspillar.org or <http://www.mt.blm.gov/pillarmon/index.html>.

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